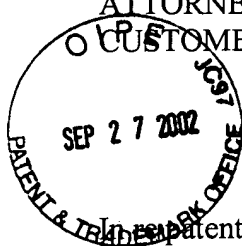


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above patent application, please amend the figures as follows:

IN THE FIGURES

Please add new Figure 4(b).

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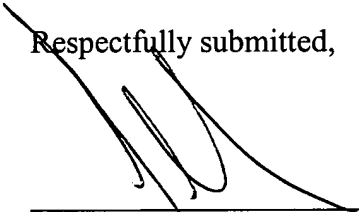
The purpose of these amendments is to introduce new Figure 4(b) which is described in the specification, but was not included in the drawings originally filed. New Figure 4(b) is described in the specification at page 6, lines 25 and 26, and accordingly is believed to be supported by the description as filed.

Furthermore, Figure 4(b) is similar to Figure 3(a). Figure 3(a) shows the concatenation of waveforms from Figure 3 in one embodiment. Similarly, Figure 4(b) shows the concatenation of waveforms from Figure 4(a) in another embodiment. Accordingly, it is believed that Figures 3 and 3(a) provide further support for Figure 4(b).

Accordingly, it is believed that no new matter is added by this amendment.

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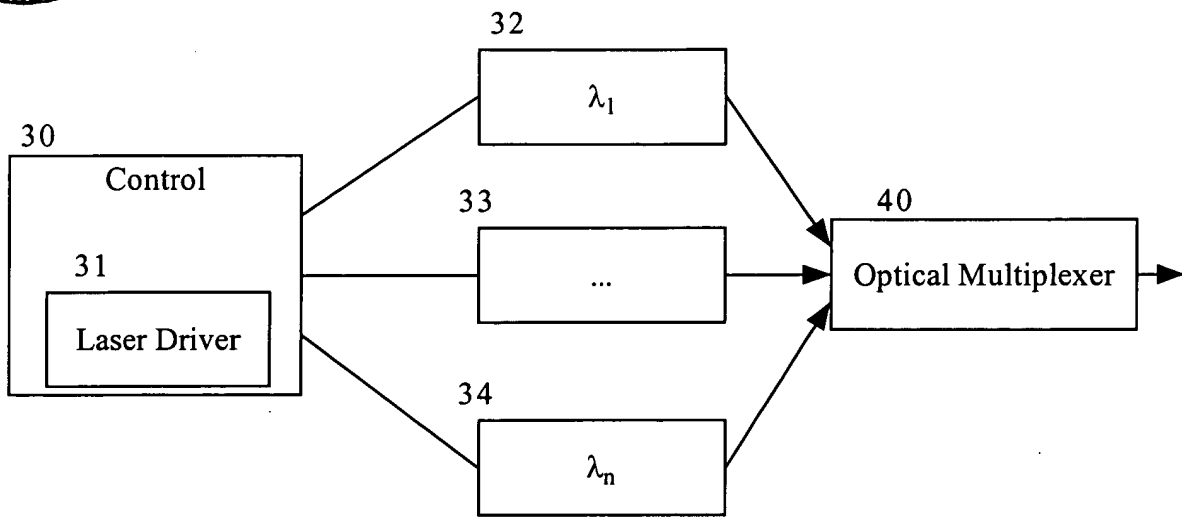


Figure 4

	410	420	
	Waveform	Value	
412		1	422
414		2	424
416		3	426

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Figure 4a

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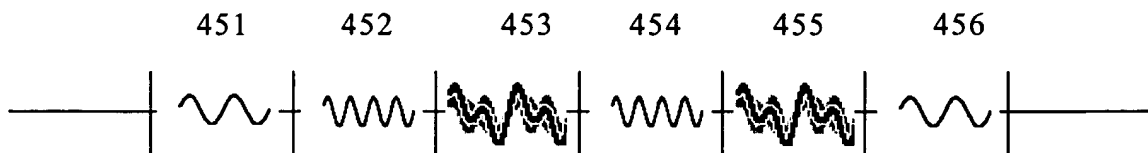


Figure 4b